



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 1, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up:

Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to direct the Interim Director of Children and Family Services and the Chief Administrative Officer to work with State Senator Gil Cedillo, other members of the County's Legislative Delegation, and the County Welfare Director's Association, to sponsor much needed legislation to provide enhanced services to emancipated foster youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Each year more than 4,000 youth emancipate from California's foster care system and most of these youth do not have the resources or support to succeed. Under existing law, aid is provided to foster children until the age of 18 years, but may be continued after the child's 18th birthday if the child is attending high school or an equivalent vocational or technical program, or is pursuing a high school equivalency certificate and meets other specified requirements.

"Senate Bill 1289 (Cedillo) would allow a child who is in foster care and receiving AFDC-FC aid to continue to receive aid up to the age of 21, as long as the foster child is in attendance at a high school, university, community college, vocational or technical training program. This aid would continue only if the child is attending these academic programs or if the child is employed on a full-time or part-time basis.

"This bill has been held in committee and is unlikely to be enacted into law this year. We need to make every effort to ensure that foster youth who emancipate from our County's foster care system are afforded every opportunity to achieve success and become fully contributing members of our society."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to send a five-signature letter to Senator Gil Cedillo, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and each member of the California State Legislature expressing the Board's support of Senate Bill 1289.

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Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel

Letters sent to:

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Senator Gil Cedillo
- Each Member, California State Legislature